GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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POWERS OF CEO UNDER PB ACT
Bajirao Shri Patil Padamsinha

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prasar Bharati (PB) Act confers power to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to take financial and administrative decisions hitherto;

(b) if so, whether the then CEO, PB had taken all decisions with regard to the Commonwealth Games contracts by using such powers under the PB Act;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government proposes to curb the powers of the CEO through some amendments in the PB Act; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M.JATUA)

(a) As per Prasar Bharati Act, the Executive Member shall be the Chief Executive of the Corporation and shall, subject to the control and supervision of the Board, exercise such powers and discharge such functions of the Board as it may delegate to him.

(b) to (e) With regard to Commonwealth Games, Prasar Bharati Board in its meeting on May 4, 2009 adopted Resolutions wherein the Board authorized the Host Broadcast Management Committee (HBMC) under the Chairmanship of Executive Member (CEO) to accord requisite approvals and take requisite steps in respect of successful completion of Commonwealth Games Delhi, 2010. Pursuant to the recommendations in the report of the High Level Committee set up by the Government to look into the issues relating to organizing and conduct of Commonwealth Games, 2010, Government has inter-alia referred the issues regarding relationship between CEO, Prasar Bharati and the Board of Prasar Bharati and the Governance structure in Prasar Bharati to the Group of Ministers on Prasar Bharati. The Group of Ministers have considered the matter and recommended certain amendments to the Prasar Bharati Act aimed at improving Governance in Prasar Bharati.